

House Resolution No. 3099

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone achievements in the history of Show-Me State organizations which are devoted to bettering the lives of children in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County has attained distinction as a nonprofit youth mentoring organization which first opened its doors to the public in Warrensburg during April 1998; and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County made its first match between an adult mentor and a youth in August 1998, since which time there have been one hundred fifty-four pairings in its Community Based Program; and

Whereas, in January 2001 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County established a School Based Program at Ridge View Elementary School, followed in short order with a second Program at Sterling Elementary that very next August; and

Whereas, since January 2001 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County has made fifty-nine matches through its School Based Programs in a successful effort to make a difference one child at a time; and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County currently has twenty-five Bigs and Littles paired up through School Based Programs and sixty-two matches in the Community Based Program; and

Whereas, in a community known for its large transient populations, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County is admirably dedicated to ensuring that every child enjoys the love, encouragement, and stability that a mentoring relationship with an adult volunteer can bring:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar record of involvement in the lives of children garnered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County since its inception and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they observe the Fifth Anniversary of their organization's founding in 1998; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3099, adopted May 27, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker